



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue Greensboro, NC

August 2, 2020

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Before you view today's worship service video, please have a piece of bread or cracker near you, and a small glass of juice, so that you may partake in communion with us.

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus.....Duffield, Jr./Webb*

Call to worship:

Leader: Come, all who are hungry and thirsty.

People: The Lord will provide for our needs.

Leader: Come this day to the table of the Lord.

People: Here we will find welcome and sustenance.

Leader: Come to this time of gathering and praise.

P: Lord, we come with open hearts and spirits to receive your gracious gift of love. AMEN.

Leader: Let us pray

Saving God, we come to you this day from times that are chaotic. We are pulled in many directions, worried about much, confused by what is happening, and wanting to return to a sense of normal, if that is possible. Open our hearts to receive you. Deliver us from the temptation to just give up and flounder in the rough waters of life. Reach out to us with your strength and power and bring us closer to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* 358 UMH verses 1 & 2

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;

Reclothe us in our rightful mind,

In purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,

The gracious calling of the Lord,

Let us, like them without a word, rise up and follow thee.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Ephesians 6:10-17

Anthem *Only Trust Him.....* John Stockton

Sermon "Reaching Out to God in Trust"

Rev. Kelley Groce

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader to people: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

Leader and people: **Glory to God. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory *Come to the Table of Grace*Barbara Hamm

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit created all things and called them good. In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Through Jesus' suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power forever. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your table forever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

Now with the confidence as the children of God let us pray the prayer which Jesus taught his disciples:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn *You Are My All in All* 3040 WS, verse 1

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all.

Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.

You are my all in all.

(refrain) *Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.*

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Dismissal with Blessing

Choral Benediction *Blest be the Tie that Binds* Fawcett/Nageli arr. Mason

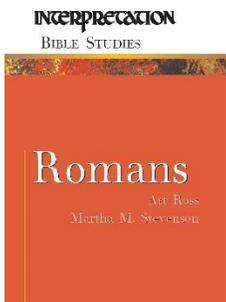
Altar Flowers: The flowers are given today by Dawn Long and family in celebration of Paul Long's birthday.

If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, to be given in honor, in memory, or in celebration, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643. The following dates are available: August 9, 23, and 30; September 13, 20, & 27; October 4 & 25. Any donation to the church, to cover the cost of the flowers, would be appreciated.

Our Sympathy to the family of Sherrill Willis on the death of her brother-in-law, Raymond.

The Prayer Chain has received requests to pray for the following people: Chuck Carrick, Mandy Durham, Jean Farabee, Albert Esterline, Joann Martin, Abbie Samuel, Jean Brincefield, Charles Gordon, Dot Frye, Robert Hemphill, Frank York, Trudy Sillmon, Sally Goin, and Bianca York's mother, Rachel Flores, in your prayers. Pat Stevenson will have surgery August 5. Prayers for Chris Bagwell's friend, Sheila Foster, who has cancer. Also, prayers for Noah Demmitt, Amy Coffee, and many others dealing with the challenges of our COVID times. Prayers for Anita Trumpler Rich's neighbor, Jennifer Gregory, who has cancer. And, for Jeff Sasser, a colleague of David Groce at Northwest Middle School, dealing with cancer.

If you have a prayer concern, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643 or call Kelley at the parsonage. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation or only with the pastoral staff.



Bible Study – Our next bible study will be *Romans: Interpretation Bible Studies* beginning August 4. We will let you know if we need to continue with Zoom meetings, or if we can be socially distant and meet at the church. That decision will be made in July. You may order your book from [Amazon](#), [Christianbook.com](#) or [Cokesbury](#). Please have the first chapter read by our first meeting day. If you would like to join us, send an email to kgroce@wnccumc.net to receive an email invitation to Zoom. You may also listen in by phone. Contact the church if you would like to participate 336-299-9643.

Wednesday Prayer Group – Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30 PM join by phone or Zoom meeting to pray for our church and the world. Contact Kelley at 336-285-5081 or by email at kgroce@wnccumc.net, if you would like to participate.

Meals Delivered – Thanks to the hard work of Alex & Juli Hurin, and several others, meals of Chicken Pot Pie, Shepherd's Pie, Chicken 'n Dumplings*, Cheesy Beefy Noodle Bake, Chicken Penne Bake, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Chicken Stroganoff, Chicken Tetrizzini, Quarts of Brunswick Stew, Peach Dump Cake, Apple Crisp, delicious Brownies, and Peanut Butter with Chocolate Brownies have been delivered to our congregants at Friends Homes West, Friends Homes Guilford, Well Spring, UMAR residencies, and at individuals homes. If you would like a meal delivered, contact Alex Hurin at 336-457-0130. Entrees are a suggested donation of \$6 each, \$4 for Peach Dump Cake or Apple Crisp, and \$1.50 for Brownies.

*NEW!



End Racism Now – Yard Signs are available for purchase at the church for \$8 each. We have a limited number available, but we can order more. If you would like one, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643 to arrange pick-up or delivery.

Sermon By Phone – Centenary UMC is now recording the audio of the sermon only for playback by phone call. So, for those in our congregation that do not have the capability to watch our YouTube videos of the entire worship service, they may now call 336-270-2202 and listen to the sermon. We had some technical challenges this week, but we hope to improve the sound quality soon.

Ad Council Meeting – Sunday, August 9 at 4:00 PM all Administrative Council members are encouraged to attend the meeting by Zoom or phone call. Contact Rev. Kelley Groce for the invitation at kgroce@wnccumc.net

The Centenary UMC Starlight Book Club will meet on August 20 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. You can participate via phone or computer. Email Kelley to receive your Zoom invitation kgroce@wnccumc.net Our book discussion for August will be *Where the Light Enters* by Sarah Donati (sequel to *The Gilded Hour*)

All book club participants, please e-mail Kelley at kgroce@wnccumc.net by August 10, the list of recommended books to consider for the months of September, October, November, and December. Kelley will compile the list, send it out to all participants, and ask you to then choose your top four, which will then be shared on August 20.



Drive-Thru Ice Cream Social - Join us on Sunday, August 23 for a Drive-Thru Ice Cream Social in the church parking lot from 2:00-4:00 PM. All participants are asked to remain in their vehicles and wear their masks when being served wrapped ice cream treats at the church portico. All servers will be wearing masks and gloves, and maintain as much social distance as possible. If you have donations of canned food or men's athletic socks for Greensboro Urban Ministry, please put them in your trunk and volunteers will retrieve them from you as you go through the line.

UMW - The Northern Piedmont District Annual Celebration will be held via Zoom on Saturday, August 29 at 3:00 PM. Details will be coming soon.

WNCC UMW Annual Celebration will be held via Zoom Webinar on September 26 & 27. The theme for this year's celebration is *Walk in God's Light*.